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'We are all in this together'

Call for council officers to take pay cut to 'set example'

A NEW row has broken out over council officers pay - this time involving West Dorset District and Weymouth and Portland councils.

Figures show that senior staff take home an average of £66,000 each, many with additional perks, with West Dorset Chief Executive David by Trevor Bevins trevorbevins@amail.com

Clarke topping the earnleague £110,000 a year – more than seven times the amount of the lowest paid staff at the council.

Four directors at the two authorities each earn

around £85,000 a year. The release of the figures has led to some councillors, including Dorchester's Alistair Chisholm, to call for them to take a pay cut to set an example and, as he puts it, "demonstrate we are all in this together".

But another critic, Philip Jordan, who has long opposed the move to new council offices in Dorchester, says the issue is not so much what the staff are paid - but the value they deliver.

"In the case of WDDC's existing offices, it's still far from clear why these offices need to be vacated?

"Why the three rear extensions couldn't have been replaced by a new block at Stratton House rather than going to

"And why there's been such a rush to build new offices and a new central library, neither being really needed ... all of this at public expense. Most fundamentally, why have WDDC done this undemocratically, ignoring the public?"

In total 21 senior officers at West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland cost council taxpayers £1.4pence a year in salaries alone, without counting their pension constributions and other

But Mr Clarke says that merging management at the two councils has saved £680,000 in total with other cost savings likely to bring the figure to over £1 million.

Mr Clarke's salary has been defended by West Dorset council leader Robert Gould who claims the figure is a lot less than other council

chief executives - effec- councils because of the tively working out at £55,000 per year at both









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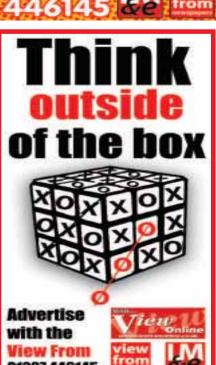
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haven for dogs and cats at Woodlands Farm Kennels and Cattery on the A35 near Askerswell.

As well as looking after well-loved pets while their owners are away, Mary also takes in not so fortunate strays and nurses them back to health before re-homing them with more suitable own-

She also offers a grooming service for all your

doggie-needs. This week she tells us about the kennels, shares some advice on grooming and exercising dogs and gives us the story behind the Woodlands Farm Strays Charity.

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HOW did you come to be running a kennels in Dorset?

I've always been mad about animals in general. Many years ago I did an apprenticeship in dog grooming and after that set up my own grooming business in Kent, where I originally come from. When my husband and I decided we wanted to run a kennels of our own this was the furthest we could get from Kent while still being able to travel to and fro easily. We had been to Dorset many times on holiday and thought how nice it would be to spend all our time on the beach - which of course never happens once you live here because you find yourself with so much else to do.

■ WHAT services do you offer here at Woodlands

Primarily we are a Boarding Kennel and Cattery so we care for peoples pets when they are on holiday, in hospital or just out for the day and can't take the dog. We also do dog grooming and we take in local area strays and rehome the ones that aren't reclaimed.

■ WHAT'S been the most unusual request you've had about grooming?

The most unusual "Dog-Do" was when I once was asked to do the front half of a poodle in the traditional lion-trim, and the back half a Dutch-trim, which is very different. I knew it was going to look ridiculous so I had to refuse. I like the dogs I do to look like the breed they're supposed to be but often I have to compromise that with what's practical for the owner. I don't like to do hair too short. Dogs' hair is important for giving insulation from the cold in the winter and protection from the sun in the summer. Dogs can get sunburn.

■ ARE there any myths surrounding dog grooming?



It is a bit of a myth to say you should never bath a dog. Yes, it does take the grease out of the coat, but if you're grooming the coat thoroughly as well then you'll encourage the oil from the skin to travel down the length of the coat anyway and keep it healthy. Don't over do it, but if your dogs rolled in something nasty then it's nicer to wash it out but do use a proper dog shampoo.



■ TELL us more about what you do for the strays?

We've set up The Woodlands Farm Strays Charity to look after the strays and see to their medical costs. One stray we have at the moment is a Border Collie called Molly and she has knee problems. She's having x-rays this week to find out the extent of the problem but we don't yet know what ongoing treatment she's going to need. It could be surgery, which will be a long and expensive process. Then we'll be looking to re-home her and we'll need someone who is prepared to take it very gently with her exercise. Collies are innately very active dogs but we wouldn't want to risk any more damage to her knees.

■ WHAT'S the most heart-warming story regarding

Some people might remember the story of Ginger, who was observed on CCTV at some offices in Weymouth being dumped by his owner on a grass verge. The car is seen zooming off and the poor dog tries to follow. Some bystanders took the dog to a vet because she was limping and then she came to us. The CCTV footage hit the headlines in some of the national papers and she now has a home in Southampton. The gentleman owner says she's the best thing that ever happened to him.

■ WHAT is your favourite dog walk?

I like to balance road exercise with soft surface exercise. Dogs who board here have about seven acres of grounds to excercise on and run free and it uses a certain set of muscles in the dog. Total lead exercise on the road uses a completely different set off muscles and it's also good for keeping the toenails trim. So, when I walk then it's on the country lanes around Askerswell and Loders.

■ WHICH three famous people would you like to go out on a long dog walk with?

Firstly, St Francis of Assisi, I would love to know if his ability with animals was natural or learnt. Then, it would have be the Prime Minister, to discuss a licensing system that required people to show that they understood a dog's needs and be issued with a licence to own a dog before actually having a dog. Third would be a Portuguese gentleman called Vasco Bensuade, who saved the Portuguese Water dog (one of my favourite breeds) from extinction in the early 1930s.

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Olymic torch relay route announced

THE official route through Dorchester of the Olympic Torch Relay has been announced.

Six people will take the once in a lifetime opportunity to carry the torch through the town centre on Thursday, July 12th.

The torch is due to arrive in Dorchester at 1.49pm with the town's leg of the journey starting at Stinsford Hill then along London Road, High East Street, Bridport Road, Middlefarm Way heading to Martinstown before the torch will leave in convoy to Winterbourne

The people chosen to carry the torch for the Dorchester leg are: Annie Macklin, 15, from Dorchester; Ben Macklin, 12, from Dorchester; Timothy Ellis, 55,

from Portland; Hamish Wilson, 18, from Nathan Blackie, Bournemouth: Bournemouth and Trudy Davies, 45, from Wareham.

Six other runners from the town will carry the torch in other areas along the route, Betty Port, 61, will carry the torch in Burton Bradstock; Bob Holman, 67, will carry the torch in Abbotsbury; Kate Sanderson, 22, will carry the torch in Blandford Forum; Rachel Olley, 49, will carry the torch in Iwerne Minster; Sandra Hood, 53, will carry the torch in Milborne St Andrew and Tracy Moore, 40, will carry the torch in Portesham. They will join a special torch bearers' club along with 8,000 other people who will carry the Flame during the 70 day, 8000-mile relay to the

The route has been chosen so the Olympic Flame comes within 10 miles of 95 per cent of people in the UK, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey.

Angus Campbell, Dorset County Council leader and Dorset 2012 board chairman encouraged local communities to line the streets and welcome the flame to

He said: "Be part of this unique experience and show your support for the inspirational torchbearers who have been selected to carry it.'

Street-by-street details and proposed start times for The London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay can be viewed at www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay.

Old Hardyeans President Michel Hooper-Immins

said: "We are very proud that Sir Roger wore his treas-

ured Old Hardyeans tie at his investiture, which will

have been seen and noted by The Queen as he was

"We congratulate him on this well-deserved acco-

"We had thought Sir Roger had become the first Old

Hardyean to be knighted, but he is in fact the second.

We believe Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Wrisberg

KBE, President in 1980, was the first Old Hardyean

lade. It is splendid that he remembered his schooldays

at Hardye's School by wearing the club tie.

dubbed a Knight on Wednesday.

to be knighted."

Leisure centre closed

THE Thomas Hardye Leisure Centre will be closed for two days in April to allow for a building survey to take place.

The has to be carried out before the refurbishment of the sports hall and the demolition of the rest of the old Thomas Hardye Leisure Centre can

It is being commissioned by the Thomas Hardye School, the owners of the buildings.

The centre will be closed from 9.30am on Tuesday, April 17th until 6pm on Wednesday, 18th.

Members of the public will not be permitted to enter the premises or use any of the facilities, including the artificial grass pitch. As a result, any planned activities at the centre between these times will be cancelled.

The fitness suite and swimming pool will be open as normal until 9am on Tuesday, April 17th.

The Thomas Hardye Leisure Centre is due to open again at 6pm on Wednesday, April 18th and it is planned that the centre will remain open until the facilities at the new Dorchester Sports Centre are ready to use.

Dorchester to remain a town

THERE was disappointment in Dorchester this week that the county town has missed out on its bid to become a city.

Dorchester Town Council was one of 26 authorities which applied for city status as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Mayor Tess James said she was disappointed not to be selected but added that Dorchester remained one of the best towns in the country.

Sir Roger wears new tie to meet the Queen DORCHESTER-educated Sir Roger Gale MP has

been knighted by The Queen at Buckingham Palacewearing his Old Hardyeans tie.

Having been named in the New Year's honours list, Sir Roger was dubbed a Knight in the traditional way, by the Queen with a tap on each shoulder with a sword. He then received the Knight Bachelor's in-

Educated at Hardye's School, Dorchester, from 1955 and 1962, Sir Roger hosted the Old Hardyeans London Dinner at the House of Commons last October.

Observing that Sir Roger has posted many pictures on his website, Michel Hooper-Immins, President of the Old Hardyeans, remarked that none included the club's distinctive blue and gold tie. The President went on to present the veteran MP with an Old Hardyeans tie, as a thank you for his hospitality at the House of

This was the tie Sir Roger Gale wore at the investi-

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"When I was first elected as an MP in 1983, my former Housemaster J.O. [Jo] Roberts from Heathcote House, asked me to wear my Old Hardyeans tie for the State Opening of Parliament," said Sir Roger.

"I did so and on Wednesday, I wore the updated version - presented to me by Michel Hooper-Immins - for my investiture at Buckingham Palace. I think that Jo Roberts would secretly have been rather pleased to know 'the tie' had made it to Buck House.

Sir Roger added: "The investiture was a truly aweinspiring occasion. The staff of the Royal Household really do go the extra mile to make sure that all of the recipients of honours - and their families - are relaxed and able to enjoy the sense of occasion.

"Her Majesty asked me how long I had been a Member of Parliament and when I replied 'nearly 29 years,' I could not help thinking that this year her own public service will have spanned more than twice that amount



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■ SIR Roger Gale MP, wearing the distinctive Old Hardyean's tie, and Lady Gale stand in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace

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Fred is new chairman of West **Dorset Conservative Association**

WEST DORSET | MORE than 100 members of the West Dorset Conservative Association attended their AGM, at Frampton, where Fred Horsington was elected as their new Chairman.

Mr Horsington farms a mixture of dairy, sheep and corn in Nether Cerne.

He is a Parish Councillor and for eight years was a District Councillor representing the Charminster and Cerne Valley Ward.

In his speech to the meeting, at Frampton Village Hall, he set out his intention to recruit more younger members by making full use of the internet and its social media.

Local MP. Oliver Letwin also spoke at the meeting and answered questions about local, national and international issues.

In reviewing the previous year, members celebrated their victory in the District Council Elections where the Conservatives made gains and won 32 out of the 48 seats and increased their majority over the other parties.



■ NEW West Dorset Conservative **Association Fred Horsington**

Hospital trust improves finances

which the Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was in last year has significantly improved.

The latest risk ratings issued by Monitor, the watchdog body, show that the Dorchester-based trust has agreed a financial risk rating of three and a governance rating of green for Quarter 3. This time last year the trust was rated one for finance and red for governance.

Trusts are rated one-five for finance, where one represents the highest risk and five the lowest.

The ratings for governance are red, amber-red, amber-green and green.

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Trust Chief Executive Jean O'-Callaghan said: "These latest ratings show just how far we have come in the last year.

"We are delighted that the green rating for governance recognises that despite the financial pressures the trust has been under we have improved the quality of patient services. Full credit for this goes to our staff who have worked extremely hard to ensure that we can make savings without impacting on standards of patient care.

"Despite this success, we recognise that there is no room for complacency and the year ahead will be no less challenging.

Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood said: "This has been a remarkable journey which could not have happened without the total support and commitment of all our staff, the Board, Council of Governors and stakeholders, all of which have played a vital role in securing the future of Dorset County Hospital as a leading acute provider for the local community."



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Marathon farewell for presenter James



■ HOSPITAL Radio secretary Heather Foster with fellow presenter Keiran Willams joining James Clark for his final show

POPULAR hospital radio presenter James Clark took to the mixing desk for the last time in Dorchester on Saturday.

The 25-year-old presenter staged a 12hour radio show as his farewell to the county hospital's Ridgeway Radio.

James, who worked for the county council at the Weymouth Adult Learning Centre, is about to start a training course at Woking College to teach English as a foreign language.

He has worked as a volunteer for the hospital radio service during the last eight years, starting in 2004 when he was still at school.

He said: "I will miss it. Working here as a volunteer has been great fun.

"I got the idea for the marathon from a show Keiran Williams did when I first started.

During his time James has worked on

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the Saturday late, early evening and morning shows and moved recently to a two-hour Sunday evening show.

He says his proudest achievement was raising nearly £200 for the NSPCC with a 24 hour sponsored broadcast at Christmas in 2004.

Hospital radio secretary Heather Foster popped in to join James on his last day and to wish him well.

"Luckily we have had quite a bit of interest to join us and quite recently we have had a number of inquiries and offers of help," said Mrs Foster, who praised James and the other volunteers at the station for the service they pro-

Rotary club supports youth skating festival

ROTARIANS in Dorchester have given £200 to help pay for this year's "Skate Jam" festival.

The event attracts hundreds of young skate boarders, bikers and in-line skaters for a day of tricks, demonstrations and music at the town's skate park.

It will take place this year on Saturday, April 28th.

The Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club, who have promised the money to help meet expenses, will also be there with their Scalextric Track providing a slightly less energetic diversion for the competitors and spectators.

Rotarians from the club have also recently presented £1,360 to the Weldmar's Garden Appeal. The money was raised from the Santa Sleigh, which the club operate in the area each year.

"As a club that is part of a world-wide organisation whose motto is 'Service Above Self' it's another chance to demonstrate that Rotarians are out in the community helping both financially and practically," said President Tim Stiles.

Mr Stiles says that while the club is well-known for taking to the streets when there has been an international disaster and collecting funds to provide immediate relief it is also involved in Rotary International's tie-in with the Bill Gates Foundation to eliminate polio throughout the amongst the local schools called Youth Speaks has just been completed with some excellent teams coming forward from local schools.

Last weekend the club promoted the annual Youth Music Festival held at the United Church in Dorchester.

ROTARY Club of Dorchester Casterbridge will also host a youth mucis festival concert this weekend (March 24th). It will be the 18th time that the festival has been held. It takes place in the United Church in South Street at 7pm and is open to all musicians, up to 18-years of age, who reside or receive their musical education within the Dorchester Schools

Rotarian David Illingworth, who is organising the events, said: "The festival is a real celebration of young musical talent in our area. Its main aim is to encourage as many young musicians as possible to take part, to gain confidence in performing and receive helpful advice from a small team of adjudicators. And as a bonus the proceeds will be used towards the purchase of musical instruments for local schools.'

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Heroes of Humanism talk

THE Heroes of Humanism will be the subject of a talk at the Wessex Royale Hotel in High West Street, Dorchester next Thursday.

Andrew Copson, the Chief Executive of the British Humanist Association will be making his second visit to the group and will be speaking at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Time to think about summer

IDEAS for summer bedding plants and containers will feature in a talk to the Lydden Vale Gardening Club in Buckland Newton on Wednesday, March 28th.

Chris Evans, the horticultural manager for Bournemouth Borough Council, will be speaking to the group at 7.30pm.

Poundbury quiz night

A QUIZ night is being held at Poundbury's Brownsword hall on Friday 23rd.

Those taking part are asked to form a team of six or turn up before 7pm and join others to form a team. Tables can be reserved by calling 01305

There will be no catering provided but guests can bring their own nibbles and drinks.

Tickets cost £2 on the door including a tea or

Dying for a Drink

DYING for a Drink is the title of a murder-mystery play, which will include dinner, at the Sunninghill Community Hall this week.

The performance needs to be booked in advance and will be held Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £15 for adults, £12 for under 18s, available in advance from Trinity Treats in Trinity Street and the United Church bookshop or by calling 01305 257694.

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WELDMAR'S new mascot, Weldbar, made its public debut at the charity's spring fayre on Saturday and was warmly welcomed by young vis-

The fayre itself was also a first for Weldmar Hospicecare and was voted a huge success raising around £720.

Held at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Herringston Road, Dorchester, the even boasted various stalls including homemade cakes, crafts, garden items, a teddy bear stall and an Easter egg tombola.

We were very pleased with how it went and extremely lucky with the weather, given the forecast," said Community Fundraiser Matt Smith

"We had an extremely good turn out and when we opened there was even a queue to get in. As always local people supported us and we

are now hoping that that the spring fayre will remain an annual event."

With the need to raise £15,000 a day to run services the charity is in need of all the additional help it can get.

"Like most other charities we are seeing peoreducing nle amount of money they have to give so this fayre, in addition to our main fundraiser, the Fete on July 21st, is a real help," said Mr Smith.

He was also pleased about how well the Weldbar mascot has been received and says that the mascot will now be seen at a variety of fundraising events during the year as well as being used in the charity's work with families and school pupils.

"Children seemed to love it and it something which they will remember - a bit of fun."



YOUNGSTERS enjoy the spring sunshine at the Weldmar Hospicecare's Spring fayre and take a breather from the activities with Hospice mascot, Weldbar, making its debut appearance

Follow the adventures of Spoofy

ADVENTURES with a four-legged friend feature in a book written by a former Dorchester naval helicopter

Its author, Anthony Holt, from Damers Road was in the town's branch of Waterstone's on Saturday to launch the book and sign copies.

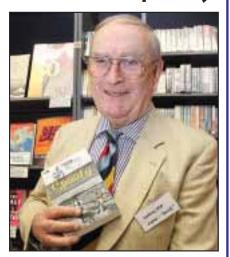
Spoofy the dog joins the Holt family when they are posted to Australia, taken on temporarily as the pet's own family are posted to the UK.

The book follows the family through the ups and downs of looking after the dog in a country where there are venomous snakes and spiders to contend with. The book also gives a glimpse of the life of a helicopter

Mr Holt, MBE, was a pilot in the Royal Navy for 30 years, leaving as a Commander in 1992 to run the Naval and Military Club in Piccadily and then the Army and Navy Club in Pall Mall. His career took him around the world, including two years in Australia where he and his family encountered Spoofy.

Now retired in Dorchester he spends his time writing, sailing, working as a volunteer for Coast Watch and as

Spoofy is published by Pegasus and is available for £9.99.



■ ANTHONY Holt, from Dorchester, at a book signing in the county town on Saturday

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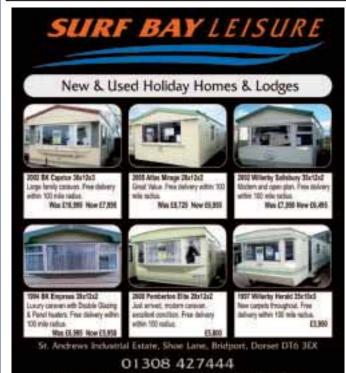


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Round Table donation helps Freddie to stand on his own

Round Tablers from Dorchester are helping a youngster from the town to become more mobile.

The group have presented a standing frame to the Children's Centre for use by two-year-old Freddie Palmer, who has cerebral palsy.

His Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist had recommended that his condition would benefit from using a Standing Frame until the age of five-years – but the cost of the equipment, at £1,500 was prohibitive with no NHS funding available to help.

Freddie's grandparents,
John and Denise Smith,
wrote to Dorchester
Round Table asking for
help after discovering the
cost and Round Tablers
agreed to provide the
funding in full with the
proviso that it is returned
to the Children's Unit
after Freddie no longer
has any use for it.

"It's made such a differ-



■ TWO-year-old Freddie Palmer surrounded by his family, physio, and Round Table members who donated £1,500 to buy the specialist frame

ence to his life, he can now join in better with his brother and sisters," said Gran, Denise Smith. Physio' Kathryn Robinson said that Freddie took to the frame almost immediately.

by Trevor Bevins trevorbevins@gmail.com

She said the device, although expensive, is far better than others previously available, which were so bulky that they restricted movement and access to the child. She said: "The good thing is that it's more or less on the bottom of its adjustment so there is plenty of scope for Freddie to grow into it.

"He should be able to

benefit from it, if he still needs it, for some time yet."

Mum Jo is also delighted. Until the frame arrived it was either a question of constantly holding Freddie or putting him on the floor where he would become frustrated by not being able to join in with what others in the home were doing.

She said: "It's just brilliant. We couldn't believe it when the Round Table said they would buy the whole thing for him."

Now the family are trying to raise the money for an iPad and specialist applications which are designed to help youngsters like Freddie with their speech.

Both the Lions Club and a local company, Canford Drains, have given donations but around £200 is still needed.

The family can be contacted by email joanne.palmer@aol.com.

Olympic drop-in session

A DROP-IN session to learn about the Olympic Games and their effect on the area will be held in Dorchester on Monday, March 26th.

Held at the Dorford Centre on Bridport Road members of the local team will be available to answer questions on any aspects of the games, including parking and viewing sites, road restrictions, street trading and licensing and safety and security.

The event will include information displays and the chance to ask questions.

It will be open from 12pm until 4pm and 5pm until 7.30pm. A presentation will be made at 1.30pm and

Unravel the mystery of maps

A WEEKEND course to unravel the mystery of maps is taking place at The Kingcombe Centre.

The Dorset Wildlife Trust course, which can be residential, starts at 4.30pm this Friday, 23rd.

Tutor Sian Taylder will teach participants how to interpret the map and transfer those skills in the field. The course fee is £220 per person, or £165 non-residential

To book a place either telephone the centre on 01300 320684, or use the online booking facility on the website www.kingcombe.org.

Will the world end?

AUDIENCES for the final Thomas Hardye School community lecture of the academic year might be hoping for reassurance from the speaker.

The talk, by Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, on Monday, March 26th at 7pm, will look at the astronomical evidence behind Mayan claims that the world will end in 2012.

Dame Burnell holds a physics degree at Glasgow University and completed a research degree at Cambridge in radio astronomy.

Admission to the talk is by ticket only available from School Reception up to the day of the lecture itself.

Donations, which will benefit local charities, will be welcome on the evening.





Butterfly talk

A TALK on butterflies will be held in the county museum, Dorchester, this Saturday, March 25th.

Matthew Oates will be speaking about one of the iconic species, The Purple Emperor, through the seasons.

There will be a £3 admission charge for the talk, which has been arranged by the Dorset branch of Butterfly Conservation, the national organisation which has its headquarters at East Lulworth.

For further details about the talk, and other branch activities, contact Nigel Spring on 01963 23559 or email nigelspring@yahoo.co.uk.

Catch Cinders while you can

BUCKLAND Newton Amateur Players are presenting their version of Cinderella at the village hall this week.

The show opened on Wednesday 21st and is also being staged tonight, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and on Saturday 24th at 7.30pm.

Breakthrough Breast Cancer and the Buckland Newton Youth Club will benefit from the panto, which costs £6 for adults, £3 for under 14s and £15 for a family.

Fundraising jumble sale

THE Dorchester Association for the Disabled will benefit from a jumble sale at Piddletrenthide Village Hall on Saturday, March 24th.

The event starts at 2pm with items for sale being received during the morning from 10am until noon. Admission to the sale will be 20p.

Film society meeting

THE annual meeting of Dorchester's award-winning Film Society takes place in the Corn Exchange this evening, Thursday 22nd.

Those attending will also have the chance to see the society's final screening of the season, the Spanish/UK production of "Chico and Rita", an animated love story set in the 1940s in Havana.



■ DORCHESTER Mayor Tess James joins SmokeStop Advisors, Governors and hospital staff at the County Hospital on National No Smoking Day

Mayor helps to spread stop smoking message

DORCHESTER Mayor, Councillor Tess James, has given her support to a campaign to help people quit smoking.

She was at the Dorset County Hospital on National No Smoking Day, March 14th, to join Smoke-Stop advisors and others offering help and support to kick the habit for good

The event took place in the hospital's Damers Restaurant.

Hospital wards and departments joined in the day with displays and information for patients, visitors and staff, and Trust Board members toured the hospital grounds spreading the message that Dorset

County Hospital is a smoke-free site.

The South West is believed to have around 900,000 smokers, more than one in three of them aged 16-24. The region also has the highest proportion of people who smoke "roll-ups" – 33 per cent of all smokers.

Old Hardyeans plant a tree for the Queen

THE Old Hardyeans have planted a tree in Dorchester's Borough Gardens to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Euonymous europaea, "red cascade" or Spindle tree, was planted by Michel Hooper-Immins, President of the Old Hardyeans, in the presence of other old boys of Thomas Hardye's School.

It was planted in the northern section of the Borough Gardens, which the town council has been replanting over the past few years with an autumn/winter theme.

"The Queen has suggested that organisations may like to plant trees to commemorate her splendid 60 years as our Sovereign," said Old Hardyeans President Michel Hooper-Immins.

"In admiration for such a long and distinguished record of service to the country and to improve the environment of the county town, the Old Hardyeans have resolved to plant a suitable tree, with the help and co-operation of Dorchester Town Council.

"Our association was founded in 1905 as the Old Grammarians, so the Queen has reigned for 60 of our 107 years of existence, a wonderful record."

Museums at Night returns to Dorchester

THIS year's "Museums at Night" in Dorchester will be held on Saturday, May 19th.

The county town, which has six museums, will be teaming up with the Roman Town House in a special evening opening from 5pm to 9pm on "Museums Night".

It will be the third year that the event has been

Visitors will be able to buy an advanced ticket for the evening at £8 for family admission to all six museums and the Town House.

Advance tickets will be available from April onwards and can be purchased in any of the six museums or the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre.

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Running for Sport Relief

YOUNGSTERS from Dorchester's Sunninghill School will be running through the streets of the town today, Thursday, March 22nd, to raise money for Sport Relief.

The pupils, from Reception to Form 8, have been asked to wear masks representing the Jurassic coast for the event, which takes place from 9.30am.

Benefits advice

BENEFITS advice and other financial help will be available at Age UK Dorchester today, Thursday, March 22nd.

Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together with the charity to provide benefits advice and help to older people in the area.

Surgeries will operate at Rowan Cottage, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester on the fourth Thursday in each month, between 9am and 11am and will be by appointment only.

To make an appointment, contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444. The next surgery will be on Thursday, April 26th, also between 9am and 11am.

Story behind the names

THE stories behind some of the names on Dorchester's War Memorial will be brought to life at a talk in the county museum next Wednesday, March

Brian Biggs will be talking about "Just a Name on a List" at 7.30pm, as one of the museum's authors

The event is free although a £3 donation is suggested which will go towards museum funds.

Car boot sale for school

A CAR boot and table top jumble sale at Piddle Valley First School this Saturday, March 24th will raise money for the school's Foundation Base.

Open from 11am until 2pm the sale will include lunchtime refreshments.

Places can be booked by calling 01300 348219. Admission costs £1 for adults with sellers being



■ THE Dorchester-based Distinction Cheerleaders have won the senior title at a competition in Wales.

Their win, at the British Cheerleading Association event in Newport, was the first achieved by the group at Senior Level 1. They were reported to have delivered a strong performance.

Last weekend the group held an open event at the YMCA Gym Hall at The Sawmills, Dorchester with sessions for boys and girls aged from six upwards.

Pictured are Members of the Dorchester-based Distinction Cheerleaders.

ViewLetters

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Bus firms are poor at publicity

on a regular basis to go shopping both in Dorchester and Weymouth, and understand the service will be withdrawn either April or in June. I also find it useful for the villages in between as well, as there is no other

However, no publicity is ever given to this service or to market it properly. I'm sure a good poster at Poole bus station defining the benefits for both locals and visitors, such as shopping and sightseeing - for instance Bere Regis has a really superb church etc - would be a good idea.

This also applies to many other rural bus services. The problem is that at Poole bus station information cent unhelpful, as for all the Damory Bus Services are concerned, but they say the bus company is nothing to do with them at all. All the staff at Poole just will not give any help for Damory services even though it's all part of the same group. We often help visitors with information, not only for Dorchester bus services, but others including the X53 to Exeter.

I think all bus firms are poor at suggesting places to visit; it's as if they just do not want people to travel by

> **Gerald Austin Alum Chine** Bournemouth

Chef caters for region's top cooks

chef, Russell Brown, has cooked for other top chefs from the region at the launch of the new Trencherman's Guide in Padstow.

Mr Brown, who runs Dorset's only Michelin starred restaurant, prepared the main course for guests Stein's Seafood Restaurant in Padstow.

He said: "I was delighted to be asked to take part in the launch of Trencherman's Guide. It is fantastic to see how far the South West has come over the past few years. We have the advantage of wonderful local produce as well as some great places to

Guests enjoyed a six course meal prepared by

rett, Russell Brown, Josh Eggleton, Eric Charriaux and Richard Davies, who each created a course.

Now in its 20th year, The Trencherman's Guide takes a gastronomic tour of a record restaurants Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Bristol, Bath, Somerset, Dorset, Devon and





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£38million to improve county's broadband

DORSET is to get £38million to improve the county's broadband access.

Currently more than 172,600 homes in the county are unable to get a service.

The Government funding should bring universal broadband access with speeds of at least 2Mbps to all users by 2015.

Ian Doyle, Economic Regeneration Manager at West Dorset District Council has welcomed the in-

He said: "Such connectivity will benefit the whole county economically and socially. From schoolchildren to businesses, so many people need fast internet access. In the past businesses have gone elsewhere due to poor internet access so now I hope it will keep people and business in the area. If it means more people stay or move here our economy will grow."

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council has committed £153,000 to the project and West Dorset District Council around £3million.

Mr Doyle added: "At the moment there are many areas with no internet service provider because there is no commercial viability in these locations. The good news is all the Dorset Authorities agree to commit funding so the whole county will now

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Dorset's pubs immortalised in flowers

a flower festival at Athelhampton House next week.

The "Flowers Inn Dorset" spring flower festival has been organised by Owermoigne Flower Club and friends and will take place at the house from Sunday, March 25th to the 28th.

"We are a very active club whose members enjoy monthly meetings at Owermoigne Village Hall. This has inspired members to use their skills to compete in Local and National Competitions winning many awards," said Alison Chick, from the group.

"We have been very fortunate to be invited to display

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our arrangements at Athelhampton House. It is wonderful to have the space to place some inspiring pieces. Some are traditionally arranged but also some more contemporary designs.

The displays will be open to view from 10.30am until 5pm daily. Normal house admission prices will apply with group discounts available.

The club, a member of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, was formed in 1979 as a side shoot to the Owermoigne Horticultural Society for members who wanted to learn more about arranging their flowers. It meets in Owermoigne Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month and has a membership of about

This year is the club's 19th festival which, over the years, has collected over £16,500 for local charities.

Coffees, teas and lunches will be available in The Coach House Restaurant during the Festival.

Watch out – there's an owl about!

■ DORCHESTER | YOUNGSTERS were captivated by the sight of a European Eagle Owl in South Street, Dorchester last weekend.

The bird was being used as a focus of attention for a charity which rescues birds of prey, whether the victims of accidents or raptors which have been pets.

Among those who stopped to have a closer look at the owl was two-vear-old Jenna Connor who was visiting her grandparents in **Dorchester on Saturday.**

Pictured with Jenna is mum, Rebecca and owl handler Katie Oliver.

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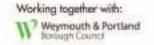
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Exciting time' to join the hospital governors

tal governor Jo Bowkett is urging local people to consider volunteering for the role.

Jo, who is stepping down as a West Dorset governor after three years for family reasons, hopes to encourage new people to nominate themselves to the council of governors.

She said: "There are challenging times ahead in the NHS so it would be an exciting time to join the governors.

"It's a rewarding role having the opportunity to represent the views of constituents and convey those views to the board.

"It is tremendously satisfying having an input into the hospital's strategic plan - it's exciting knowing that the views of the public

"As governors we visit the hospital too so we get the chance to see the plans we have

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discussed and helped shape in practice.

"We also have an important role to play as ambassadors for the hospital, conveying what the hospital is doing back to the public, and you get the chance to meet some wonderful people."

As part of the campaign to persuade people to put themselves forward for the role two drop-in information sessions were held in Dorchester last week.

The sessions were held on Friday 16th at the Trust HO and in the Children's Centre.

Nominations for the posts have to be received by March 29th.

To nominate yourself you must be a mem-

stituency for which you wish to stand. Elections are being held for public governors in Weymouth and Portland, West Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck and South Somerset. There is also one vacancy for a staff governor, which is open to everyone who works for the trust provided they are over 18.

For more information please contact trust secretary Margaret Godfrey on 01305 255419 or margaret.godfrey@dchft.nhs.uk.

All members of the trust will be receiving ballot papers which they must return by May

If you are not already a member of DCHFT and would like to join so you can vote in the elections or stand for election, please visitwww.dchft.nhs.uk/foundation/index.html o r call 0870 707 1549.



KID'S Dorset author, Sarah-Jane Forder, photographer Daniel Rushall and

Win a copy of 'Kid's Dorset'

DORCHESTER | WITH Easter just around the corner we've teamed up with local publishers, Roving Press, to offer a copy of their latest book, "Kid's Dorset.

It offers almost a hundred pages of idea for parents, carers and grandparents who might be stuck for something to do with the children.

Dorchester author Sarah-Jane Forder has spent a year researching the book, working with photographer Daniel Rushall and designer Emily Moxon to put it together in time for Thursday's launch at the county museum.

The book's publishers, Roving Press, are based at Frampton and the book itself was printed by local firm, Henry

More than 40 places and associated activities are featured in the book, each suggested and tested by local children and their parents.

"Many of the ideas are free, proving

that you don't have to spend a fortune to have a good time," said Sarah-Jane.

"Children are so lucky to grow up here – it's a fantastic place to be."

Each of the featured attractions has essential details, and often little-known facts, written about it, together with tips on how to get there and where to

Among the attractions are Abbotsbury's Swannery; crab catching at West Bay, the Old Crown Court and Kingston Maurward at Dorchester, the 'ammonite graveyard' at Lyme and Mor-Golden combelake's Cap. Born and brought up in Dorset, Sarah-Jane Forder now lives in Dorchester. She has spent a career in book and magazine publishing.

swer, by email, to Trevor Bevins trevorbevins@gmail.com.

Expert milliner to give talk at exhibition

DORCHESTER | A DAY school is being held at the county museum at the end of the month to complement the museum's current Hats to Handbags exhibition.

The event, on Saturday, March 31st will focus on professional milliner Liisa Walker from Swanage.

Taking place between 10am and 4pm, she will talk about her work and how she came into the millinery business, as well as demonstrating some basic hat-making techniques.

Alongside demonstrations, Liisa will display examples of hats made from different materials such as felt, straw and sinamay a modern straw-like material made from banana fibre.

Originally Liisa worked for a textile company and seven-years-ago was attracted to a "Make a Hat in a Day" course. She went along, produced the best hat there, and was immediately hooked.

Liisa has continued her training through professional courses run by Rose Cory in London.

Today Liisa runs her workshop from her Swanage home – an area with a history of hat-making dating from the early 19th century when workshops were established in the town to provide girls with suitable employment. The area grew to be a centre for the manufacture of bonnets and straw hats although there is little evidence of this left today.

A selection of her hats can currently be seen in the front window of the museum.

The museum exhibition continues until mid-April and features items from the museum's costume and textile collection to show what was worn, made and bought in Dorset from the 18th century onwards.

Illustrating how fashions adapted to keep pace with the change in women's lives, the exhibition covers the history of women's fashion in shoes, bags, gloves, fans and parasols.

Tickets for the Hats to Handbags Day School on Saturday, March 31st cost £15 and are available now from the museum shop on 01305 756827 or by emailing shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

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Exhibiting the Best of Dorset

DORSET | WEYMOUTH Pavilion is sold out for the Best of Dorset Show on Sunday, March 25th when more than 1,500 people are expected to visit the Ocean Room, Theatre and forecourt.

The event will open with a fashion show by George at Asda while other new features include paddle board displays and demonstrations of the new hit fitness class Zumba dancing.

Main sponsor, the 98-bedroom Riviera Hotel, will be at the show and general manager Kevin Bungay said: "It is all coming together so well and we are really looking forward to meeting all the other exhibitors.

"The event is sold out which is very positive news in this climate and we will be letting people know about our £4million refurbishment and our re-opening in early April.
"We have had loads of inquiries already and all the signs

are for a bumper season."

Weymouth and Portland events officer Steve Davies was equally upbeat and said: "This is the 12th Best of Dorset Show and it is going to be the biggest. We are sold out and we had to work hard to squeeze the last few entries in.

"The great and the good will be coming here to celebrate all that is best about Dorset."

The annual leisure show offers Dorset based attractions, businesses and organisations a unique opportunity to promote their services and facilities to the public and trade.

It will include the Weymouth and Portland 2012 Operations Team which will be on hand to advise on all up to date 2012 issues surrounding the Weymouth and Portland Olympic and Paralympic Games sailing events.

Others at the Show include WOW Youth Theatre, the Nothe Fort Re-enactment group, Ed Hintz, Punch and Judy and community singers while Weymouth's famous tall ship TS Pelican will be offering visitors a free tour of the ship.

Weymouth and Portland leisure spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood said: "The Show offers many local businesses and organisations a great opportunity to raise awareness of their services, generate new business and promote their activities and products.

"As the country experiences a challenging economic time it makes this show even more significant, a recognisable and important boost for our local economy."

Games Makers prepare for 'greatest show on earth'

WEYMOUTH | HUNDREDS of Games Makers have been given their first training session ahead of Weymouth and Portland staging the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events.

Weymouth Pavilion was packed with people from as far away as Southampton and Portsmouth as well as local volunteers.

All of them had had their offers accepted to help run the "greatest show on earth" in a variety of capacities from administration and media helpdesks to delivering sailing results and stewarding.

Games Makers filed into the Pavilion Theatre to hear about heritage and the importance of the games and to be given an insight into what working at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy will be like.

Among those taking part was 53-year-old Sharon May, an administrator with Weymouth Children's Centre.

She said: "When I heard that I had been accepted as a Games Maker I was really pleased.

"I was on Portland when it was announced that we'd won the games and I decided, that's it, I have got to get involved. I am most looking forward now to just being involved with the event and meeting the athletes.

"I will be in the competition office at the Academy, so right at the heart of the action, just how I like it. My daughter, Katherine, is really jealous."

She was joined at the orientation by Hazel Shaw who, with husband Brian, will be manning a media helpdesk at the Academy.

Hazel and Brian are no strangers to

by Harry Walton hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk

Olympic excitement as their daughter, Bryony, won an Olympic windsurfing bronze medal at the Beijing Games in 2008.

Hazel said: "This is the fulfilment of a hope and a dream for Brian and I.

"The excitement of the games itself, the buzz that goes with the Olympics is what I am looking forward to.

"Sailing is unique because there will be a lot of races leading up to the medal race when only ten boats in each class race for the medals, so it is very nerve wracking but very exciting."

Training was presented by rugby legend John Inverdale and Team GB sailing team leader Stephen Park.

John said: "One of the problems is that an awful lot of people don't volunteer because they want to watch the games. In all about 250,000 people did apply and 70,000 got picked.

"The great thing is that you can watch any event on television but you only get one shot at being personally involved in the Olympic Games.

"Two things define the games – the performance of the athletes and the performance of the helpers.

"If helpers are miserable then when people leave they will take that misery away with them instead of happiness.

"Weymouth and Portland Games Makers are clearly keen but they will have to be aware that conditions can, at times, be fraught."



■ JOHN Inverdale who presented the training session

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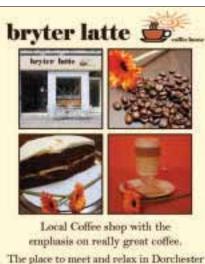
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Bartle Pye Residential is an independent firm of Estate Agents covering an array of property offered for sale and to let. We offer free no obligation residential market appraisals and a comprehensive marketing strategy. Having previously worked in London, Sussex and the

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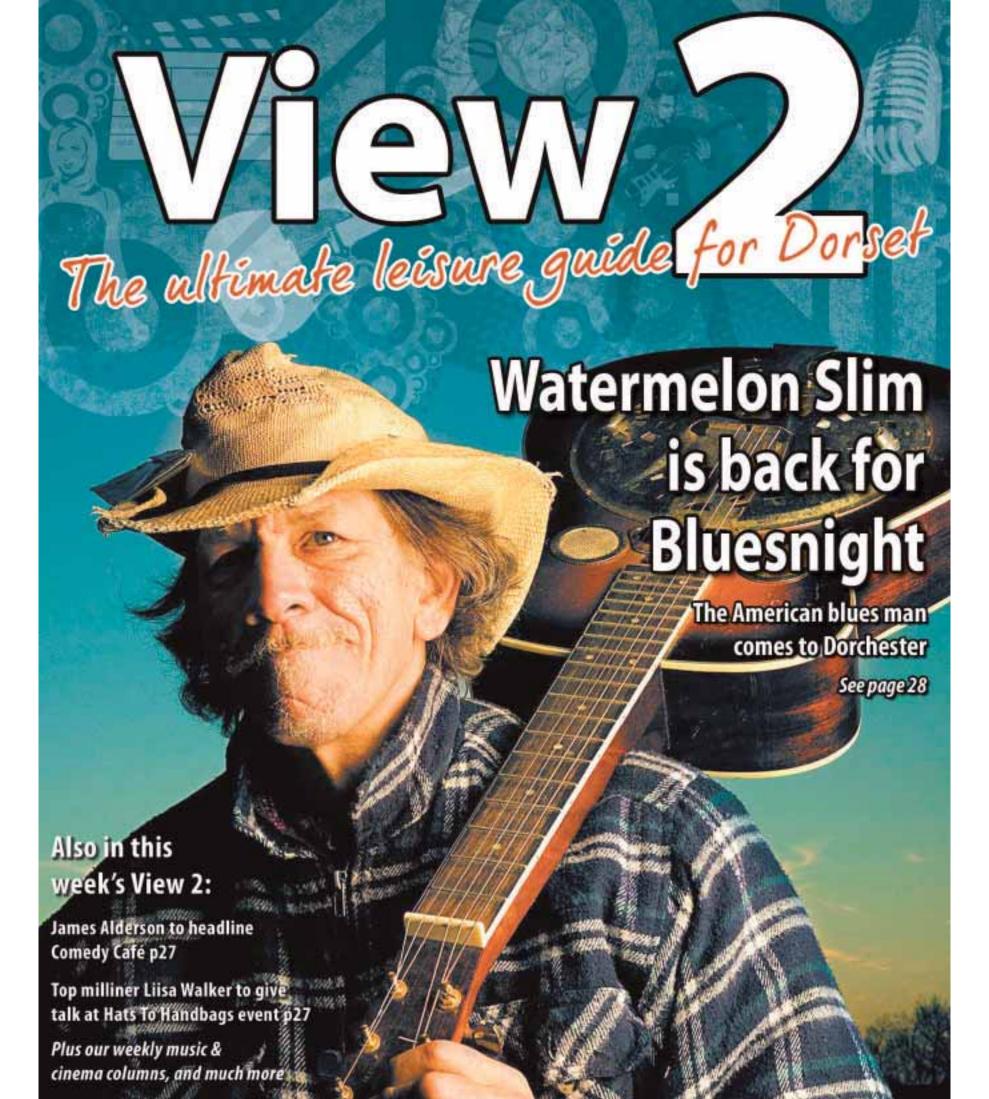
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Dining at the table of the master

ARK Hix is not your archetypal celebrity chef. You won't hear him screaming and shouting in his kitchens, he's not overfussed about appearing on television and his dishes are distinctly uncheffy in presentation.

Mark's style of cooking is all about ingredients, sourcing them and presenting his dishes in a simple fashion that does not detract from taste.

And there's no better way of sampling his stunning array of seasonal dishes than by sitting at his kitchen table in his delightful Charmouth home, with breathtaking views over Lyme Bay.

ning his expanding empire of restaurants in London and the hugely popular Oyster and Fish House in Lyme Regis to demonstrate his refreshingly simplistic take on British gastronomy by staging open cooking demonstrations in his Dorset home.

Throughout the summer Mark takes time out from run-With another series of demonstrations planned for this

■ MARK'S guests and staff join him on the terrace of his Charmouth home, overlooking Lyme Bay after lunch

PHILIP EVANS enjoys a lunchtime treat at the home of celebrated chef and food writer MARK HIX

summer, I was invited to join six other guests, two of whom travelled all the way from Bradford, especially for the occasion. They left more than satisfied that the long journey was well worth the time and expense.

Mark is a pretty laid-back bloke; indeed in the Sunday Times acerbic restaurant reviewer A.A. Gill implied that Mark was more interested in partying than spending hours in his kitchens. I can't make up my mind whether that was a compliment or not, but Mark didn't seem too upset by the observation.

Comforting smell

Greeted with one of his seriously alcoholic Hix Fix cocktails, and treated to a pre-lunch smoked salmon taster, the comforting smell of freshly made sour dough bread wafted across Mark's kitchen as we arrived.

With one of his trusty lieutenants keeping our glasses topped up (there's wine aplenty) Mark made the preparation of the four-course lunch seem ridiculously simple, explaining how he had sourced the various ingredients and offering a few tips along the way in that matter-of-fact manner which adds much to the informality of his culinary style

We started with cutlefish risotto, flavoured with squid ink, a first for me. The risotto was cooked to perfection, as might be expected. wet but not runny, and teased the taste buds in readiness for the delights to follow.

Next up turned out to be my favourite of the day - marinated scallop and duck liver salad, a delicious summer dish, a recipe that Mark first came across when he worked under the outstanding chef, Anton Edelmann, at the Grovesnor House hotel in London. In thosedays the dish was topped with fois gras but having been brought up on all kinds of offal, the duck liver made the dish for me.

Another new taste came with course number three lambs' sweetbreads with asparagus and wild garlic. In the menu which accompanied our lunch, sweetbreads were described as tender and delicious, a "perfect spring treat" and so they proved. The asparagus was the first of the season from the Wye Valley.

To crown one of the nicest lunches I've ever had, we finished with sea buckthorne blancmanage, made from the bitter juice of the sea berry, sourced by the Hix empire's very own forager, served in quaint little moulds that Mark spotted in a junk shop. And how nice to eat a proper blancmange again.

Mark is a great advocate of using ingredients that grow on our doorsteps and his chefs in Lyme are often despatched along the shoreline collecting ingredients that add such flavour to the menu at the Oyster and Fish House.

Mark entertained us with anecdotes in his modest manner about his successful career, which started at Weymouth Technical College. He is now one of the most respected chefs in an industry crowded with big egos, and a profilic writer of cookbooks which have produced many awards an accolades.

Everyone who dines in his kitchen goes home with a copy of one of his books - and the satisfaction of knowing that you have just dined at the master's table.

Future dates for open cooking demonstrations at Mark's home include May 14, June 11, July 16 and September 10. Book by emailing jharris@hixfoodetc.co.uk

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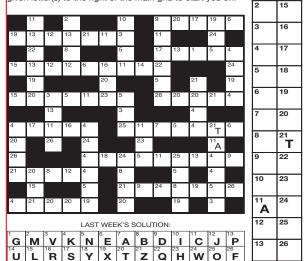


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2. Man of intelligence?

3. The best part of a play (4)

4. Was given a gram-

matical definition

5. It may be left on the

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initially under rocks and concealed in

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13. Put to rights, it went

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(6) 14. Tell a story about a

16. Figures it's only one among hundreds (5)18. Finished in a supe-

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20. The energy of six

thousand (3)

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

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- up with the reform (7)
- 7. A fair race? (5)
- 9. A child of spirit (3) 10. Deep feeling trouble with an
- allowance (9) 12. Naughty Mica eats pie and gets blood poisoning (11)
- 15. Not the best moment to sort things out (6-5)
- 17. A guestion of personal welfare (3,3,3)
- 19. A punitive measure (3)
- 21. Get down to making a proposal? (5)
- 22. A title indeed much wished for (7)

Quick Clues: Across

- **6.** Deceive (7)
- 7. Calm (5)
- 9. Merry (3)
- 10. Litter (9)
- 12. Liberation (11)
- 15. Narrator (5-6)
- **17.** Food (9) 19. Attempt (3)
- 21. The pick (5)
- 22. Nimbleness (7)

Down

- 1. Rot (5)
- 2. Sever (3)
- 3. Level (4) **4.** Buyer (9) 5. Protection (7)
- 8. Disclose (6) 11. Corruption (9)
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- 18. Brink (4) 20. Aged (3)

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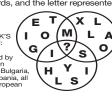
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Top milliner to give talk at Hats To Handbags school

LIISA Walker is a professional milliner based in Swanage, Dorset. On Saturday, March 31st at the Hats to Handbags Day School which accompanies the current exhibition at Dorset County Museum, she will talk about her work, how she came into the millinery business, and demonstrate some basic hat-making techniques.

Liisa works with traditional methods which have been around for hundreds of years. Using imported felt 'hoods', she will demonstrate how these basic cone-shaped blanks can be turned into a variety of shapes to make different types of hat. The hoods come in many versions and Liisa starts by choosing the size and colour best suited to her final design. The first stage is to put the hood onto a wooden block, wet it and pin it into shape, then wait for it to dry - a process which usually takes about 24 hours. The blocks used come in various shapes and sizes and can be very expensive - a milliner may have

dozens of blocks, representing a considerable investment. As the hoods dry they take on the shape of the block and the process moves to the next stage which involves fitting the headbands, shaping the brims, lining and decorating.

Alongside the demonstration, Liisa will display examples of hats made from different materials such as felt, straw and sinamay - a modern strawlike material made from banana fibre which is much easier to work than straw but which produces a similar effect in the finished design.

Liisa runs her workshop from her Swanage home - an area with a his-

tory of hat-making dating from the early 19th century when workshops were established in the town to provide girls with suitable employment. The area grew to be a centre for the manufacture of bonnets and straw hats although there is little evidence of this left today.

A selection of hats made by Liisa can currently be seen in the front window of the Museum.

Tickets for the Hats to Handbags Day School on Saturday, March 31st cost £15 and are available now from the Museum Shop on 01305 756827 or by emailing shop@dorsetcounty

Fantastic line up for March Comedy Café COMEDY at the Bridport Arts Centre will get you full of the joys of spring this month.

The monthly comedy cafe returns with it's strongest line up to date on Friday, March 23rd, with another six acts all hoping to get the Bridport crowd laughing.

The night features five new acts, all fresh onto the circuit, and a headline act who is

preparing for his first hour long solo show. Opening the show will be Leicester based acts David Murphy and Martin England. Both comedians are still relatively new on the circuit but, aided by a month long run at last year's Edinburgh Festival, are already developing a unique storytelling style that

can charm any audience. Following them will be Gareth Thomas, yet another promising new comedian to come out of Wales and already with some notable success in comedy competitions

Closing the first half will be the effervescent Larry Dean, an act already being tipped for TV stardom by the likes of comedy veteran Scott Capuro.

Larry's relaxed self deprecating style puts the audience in the palm of his hand and always leaves them hungry for more.

The final new act of the night will be Gary Tro, whose anecdotal style has already seen him receive rave reviews as part of a five star Edinburgh show.

Headlining the night will be the effortlessly witty James Alderson who has taken the comedy world by storm since his debut in 2010.

James is no stranger to the Westcountry having already performed short sets in Lyme Regis, Axminster and Beaminster in the past and stolen the show on every occasion.



He now returns with a full headline set as he prepares for his first hour long show "One of your 5-a-day".

The Guide Awards best comedian nominee will undoubtedly have audience members in fits of laughter, pointing at their partners and saying

Tickets always sell fast so get yours early to avoid dissapointment.

The March Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Café will be at 8pm on Friday, March 23rd.

Tickets are available from the box office 01308 424204, £5 adults/£3

Casterbridge Male Voice Choir to perform charity concert in Bridport

THE Casterbridge Male Voice Choir is coming to town to raise funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The concert will take place at St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport on Wednesday, March 28th at 7.30pm.

This Dorchester based choir has raised many tens of thousands of poinds for various charities and churches over the past 70 years, yet still manages to keep up with the musical times and sing currently favourite songs with some of the old Male Voice Choir favourites.

It is over three years since they sang in this area, and they are looking forward to rectifying this ans also being able to help the Air Ambulance charity. With the recent enthusiasm and interest resurging in Choirs, thanks to programmes like the Chivenor Army Wives Choir and the like, it is hoped that people will be interested enough to come and listen to live singing and for such a worthy

The music will range from music from popular and traditional songs, to grand opera and is as varied as the background that the members come from. The members of the Choir come from all over the area and indeed there are several singers from the Bridport area in their ranks.

The choir is always happy to welcome new members and also to consideer singing for any worthy charity (although they have a packed schedule this year). If you want any further information please contact their Secretary Geoff Faulkner by calling 01308 897275 or got to www.casterbridgemvc.co.uk

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SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

DORCHESTER: Film/dance night: Dorchester Moose presents by popular demand 'Mamma Mia!'. At the Corn Exchange. Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6.30pm prompt. Tickets £10 (no concessions). Performance by the Dorchester Ballet and Dance Group, followed by the Rob Wall Disco till 11pm. Fancy dress (Mamma Mia/70s) optional. Tickets available from Poundbury Village Stores, Harmony Music, Dorchester TIC, Sydney Arms, and Dorchester Ballet & Dance group. All proceeds to the Friendshop Club, Dorset Kidney Fund, and Julia's House. For more details call 01305 259 039 or 01300 320902. Also join our facebook page Moose Movies.

DORCHESTER: Choral Concert of Rossini's Messe Solennelle with Jennifer Thomas (Soprano), Susan Mackenzie-Park (Alto), Christopher Hobkirk (Tenor) and Simon Gallear (Bass), with director of music Colin Howard. At St Mary's Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets from Harmony Music and Choir Members. Call 01305 262005 for more details. Wеумоитн: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society are holding their Spring Show at Southill Community Centre and would like to welcome members and the public to view the exhibits from 2.15pm. As well as the spring display there will be a raffle and refreshments to enjoy and at 4pm the Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth & Portland will present the trophies to the prizewinners. Further details from Peter or Julie on 772533.

SUNDAY MARCH 25TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Games Club meet at Beaminster Youth Centre (6 Prout Bridge, DT8 3AY). We do everything from Role Playing, board gaming, war gaming and Collectable card games. Every Sunday from 2pm - 6pm. For more details call 01308 862528. All welcome and it's free!

SATURDAY MARCH 31ST

SYDLING ST NICHOLAS: Sydling Springs Easter Egg Hunt, including a fabulous egg hunt, bouncy castle, egg and spoon race and more. From 2.30pm at the village hall, East Street (DT2 9BP). Bring your wellies! In aid of Sydling Springs Preschool.

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SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

Axminster, Devon: Hands on session devoted to tool sharpening. A chance to try a range of dedicated equipment as well as guidance on freehand grinding. Admission £2 for visitors, 10 am to 1 pm at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster, EX13 5TL. For further information call 01308 427717.

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FRIDAY APRIL 20TH

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local lamb, sausages & eggs, Local Watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church). 2-3.30pm. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

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Poetry for Pleasure

THE DEVONIAN poet Patricia Beer (1919-1999), published her last book of poems in 1997 ('Autumn' from Carcanet Press). The final seven verses in the collection form a 'Sequence' charting her journey through illness. The three poems below are numbers four, five and six.

RECOVERY ROOM

The noise in the recovery room Was half football and half hum Like a well-mannered gallery

Of pictures that I could not see And then a name disrupted it:

The hated name of childhood: Pat, A name I had not answered to For fifty years and would not now.

Another voice began to talk: Pat. And still I did not speak,

My husband waited in my room And in the end they sent for him,

And after an hour or two of this. I heard Patricia. And said 'Yes?'

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Back home. Sixty years dead my mother Is chattering downstairs. My father

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Would prove that he had never been A child-abuser or profane, Both of them very idle fears, He has been dead thirty-five years

by Frank McGarry They come in on the rising tide

To meet their daughter who had died. That is what they must have done And very soon they will have gone

Away, silently and forgiving. This is my house. Where I am living.

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Seeing his mother, ninety-five. He found her less dead than alive,

Gardening, before the sun Got warmer than the air and when

The grass still smelled of night and fear. She was preparing for New Year,

Plantina early bulbs that looked Scaly, mauve and undercooked.

She has not buried them in vain. And some sick people rise again.

If you would like to read more of Patricia's poetry there is also the 'Patricia Beer - Collected Poems' which Carcanet published

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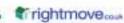
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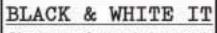


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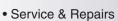
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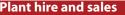
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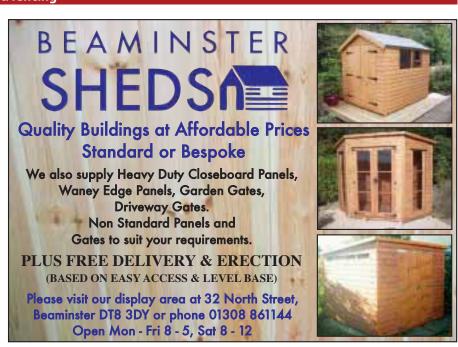
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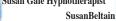
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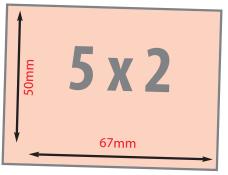
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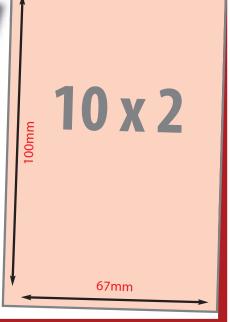
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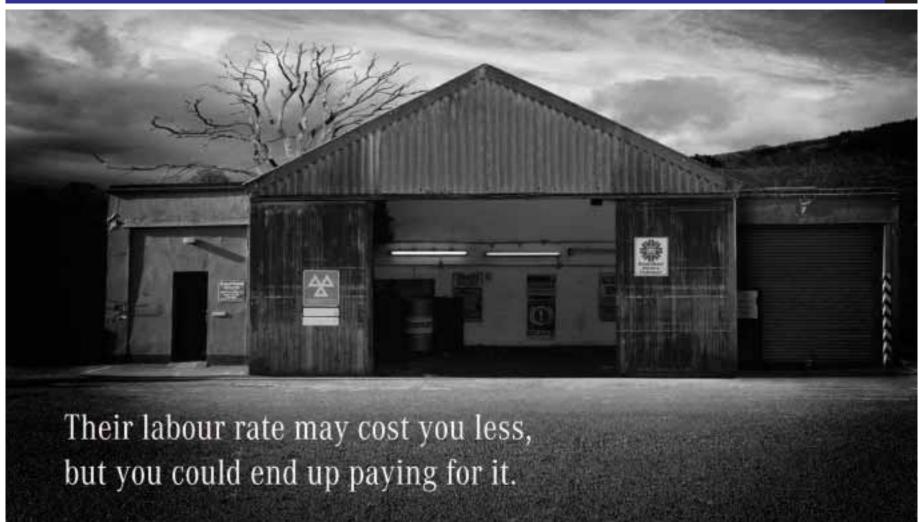
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Supporting C-Zero's new price positioning, Citroën has confirmed that it will extend its EV Specialist sales network from 11 to 21 dealers. The additional

10 sites will be located in UK cities not covered by the original Citroën EV network. Further expansion is set to continue as part of a staged roll-out as market acceptance of electric vehicles increases and sales volumes grow.

Citroën has also confirmed that the aftersales EV network will be extended from the 11 initial specialist dealers to a network of around 100 locations over the coming months. All of the newly appointed EV service dealers have already received specialist training as part of the DS5 Hybrid4 launch, allowing them to service

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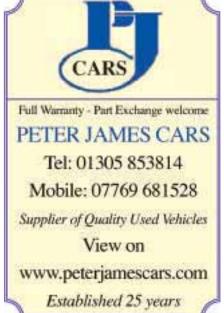
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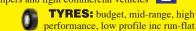
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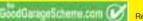
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DORSET FOOTBALL

ISLANDERS BACK UP TO TOP SPOT

THE Islanders moved back to the top of the table courtesy of strikes from Liam Currell (2) and Adam Linaker whilst Albert Harwood managed to breach the division's joint miserliest defence.

WEYMOUTH RES 0 WESTLAND SPORTS 2

MICHAEL Rousell scored twice as title-chasing Westland Sports proved too powerful for lowly Weymouth FC

CHICKERELL UTD 2 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

AFTER three-game winless mini-slump the Chickens clung on to their top six position thanks to goals from Liam Miles and Stewart Walbridge.

SHAFTESBURY O BRIDPORT RESERVES 1

A BEN Clarke goal proved enough to seal the win which sees Bridport move up a place to eighth after a single goal win at

SENIOR LEAGUE

UPWEY & Broadway moved back into the top two after a 5-0 hammering of Okeford United with their strikes coming from Ty Young and Charlie Kenderdine both net ting a brace and theere was one for Ethan Devaney.

Chickerell United dropped to the foot of the table after a 4-0 reverse at Blandford United.

Meanwhile Piddletrenthide United made it three wins in a row with an odd goal in five win at Bishops Caundle.

DIVISION ONE

POUNDBURY Rovers moved up into second spot thanks to a 4-3 win at Poole Bor-

Granby Rovers stay in fourth place after their 2-0 success against the Kangaroos with their goals coming from Marcus Simpson and Adam Schofield.

ester Town with their goals coming from Graeme Rose, Jack Watson and Aaron

Dorchester Borough moved further away from the foot of the table with a 2-1 win against the Ship Inn, Wool with goals from Danny Critchell and Lee Clarke.

DIVISION TWO

BRIDPORT moved into second place following their 3-0 success against their vis-Gillingham Town with their marksmen being Tristen Gale with a brace and one for Jake Williams.

Dorchester Sports stay in fifth spot after their 3-0 victory against Lytchett RT with their strikes coming from Karl Hicks with two and one for Matt Drake.

Weymouth Spartans shared four goals and the points with their visitors Milborne Sports with their goals coming from Ben Mackie and Aaron Williams.

Wareham Rangers thrashed Wyke Regis Social Club 6-1 with their goals coming from Jamie Cooper with two and one each for Garry Marsh, Christopher White, Tom Barton and an own goal

DIVISION THREE

TOP of the table Donhead United extended their lead to three points a 4-3 win over Piddlehinton and now need only a point in their last game to win the League.

Okeford United and Galaxy shared six goals and the points with Elliott Gould (2) and Luke Braund on target for Galaxy.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE CUP

SECTION TWO
PORTESHAM moved into top spot with a -0 win against Stickland United with their goals coming from Jamie Butler (2), Matthew Croxon and Colin Upfold.

DIVISION FOUR

out of the bottom two with a 2-1 win thanks to goals from Justin Faulkner and Gary Claxton against Bishops Caundle.

DIVISION FIVE

DORCHESTER CC returned to winning form with a 3-1 win against Milborne Sports with goals from Roger Frapwell with a brace and one from Joe Langtree.

DIVISIONS FOUR & FIVE LEAGUE CUP SECTION TWO

OWERMOIGNE and Handley Sports played out a one all draw for them both to stay in the top three of the section. SECTION THREE

Stalbridge stay at the top of the group on goal difference following their one all draw against Poundbury Rovers with the hosts goal coming Rob Lowe.

Puddletown won their first group game beating Donhead 3-2 with strikes from Kev Rogers, Leon Cooper and Dan Os-

Poundbury Rovers went down 4-0 against leaders Broadstone whilst Weymouth Spartans stay in second place following their 3-0 success against Maiden Newton and Cattistock with their goals coming from Danny James, Dean Richard and Matthew Brown.

RESULTS - March 17th PREMIER LEAGUE Chickerell United 2-1 Sherborne Res

Holt United 1-0 Merley Cobham Parley Sports 5-0 Poole Borough Portland United 3-1 Blandford United Shaftesbury 0-1 Bridport Reserves Sturminster Marshall 1-2 Wincanton Swanage Town & H 2-2 Hamworthy Rec Tintinhull 1-0 Cranborne Weymouth FC Res 0-2 Westland Sports

Senior League Bishops Caundle 2-3 Piddletrenthide

Gillingham 0-0 Sturm Newton Utd Stourpaine 2-4 Kingston Lacy Upwey & Broadwey 5-2 Okeford Utd Witchampton 1-2 Wareham Rangers

Division One

Bere Regis 3-2 Dorchester Town Dorchester Boro 2-1 Ship Inn. Wool Granby Rovers 2-0 Kangaroos Poole Borough 3-4 Poundbury Rov Westland Sports 4-1 Shaftesbury Wincanton 5-1 Swanage Town & H

Division Two

Bridport 3rds 3-0 Gillingham Town Dorchester Sports 3-0 Lytchett RT Sturminster Newton Utd 3-2 Balti House Wareham Rangers 6-1 Wyke Regis SC Weymouth Spartans 2-2 Milborne Sports

Donhead Utd 4-3 Piddlhinton Utd Maiden Newton & C 0-1 Bere Regis

Okeford United 3-3 Galaxy FC **League Cup – Section Two** Portesham 4-0 Stickland United **Division Four**

Galaxy 2-1 Bishops Caundle

Division Five
Dorchester CC 3-1 Milborne Sports Mere Town 5-3 Marnhull Division Four & Five League Cup

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SECTION THREE Puddletown 3-2 Donhead United Poundbury Rovers 1-1 Stalbridge

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FIXTURES - March 24th Prremier League Cranborne v Chickerell Uniited

Hamworthy Recreation v Tintinhull Poole Boro v Hamworthy Utd Res Sherborne Res v Bridport Reserves Sturminster Marshall'v Parley Sports Swanage & H v Merley Cobham

Weymouth FC Res v Holt United Wincanton Town v Portland United **Senior League** Kingston Lacy v Gillingham Town

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Dorchester Town v Poundbury Rovers Kangaroos v Westland Sports Mere Town v Granby Rovers Merely Cobham v Dorchester Borough Shaftesbury v Swanage Town & Herston Wincanton Town v Bere Regis

Division Two

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SECTION TWO Portesham v Cranborne

Division Five

AFC Blandford v Dorchester CC Poundbury A v Pimperne Sports **Division Four & Five League Cup**

SECTION ONE Galaxy v Handley Sports Marnhull v Littlemoor

SECTION TWO

Bishops Caundle v Handley Sports Res Mere Town v Owermoigne

SECTION THREE

Donhead United v Poundbury Reserves **S**ECTION FOUR

Broadstone v Swanage & Herston Maiden Newton & C v Millborne Sports

PREMIER	Р	W	D	1	GD	Pts	
Portland United			4	5	62	64	
Hamworthy Rec			,	3	65	62	
Westland Sports			3	_	64	60	
Wincanton			4		54	58*	
Holt United			4	6	36	52	
Chickerell United			3	8	16	48	
Parley Sports				10	12	46	
Bridport Reserves				9	16	43	
Swanage & Herston					-8	42	
Swanage & Herston Blandford United				13		34	
Sturminster Marshall .	29	9	6	14	3	33	
Tintinhull	27	9	5	13	-19	32	
Poole Borough	30	9	4	17	-19	31	
Merley Cobham	27	7	4	16	-17	25	
Hamworthy Utd Res	27	7	3	17	-47	24	
Weymouth Res			4	15	-19	22*	
Cranborne		6	3	20	-41	21	
Shaftesbury	27	5	2	20	-58	17	
Sherborne Res		2	2	25	-93	8	
(* points adjusted)							



DIVISION ONE P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Chickerell Utd Res22	3	6	13	-35	15
Blandford Utd Res24	4	5	15	-35	17
Gillingham Res22					18
Piddletrenthide21	-			-10	22
Bishops Caundle22		_	-	-11	23
Stourpaine20			9	2	25
Sturm Newton Utd20	7	_	8	2	26
Okeford United20	8	_	7	17	29
Weymouth Sports22		_	7	1	33
Kingston Lacy19				18	37
Witchampton Utd20		2	6	11	38
Portland Utd Res20		7	2	27	40
Upwey & Broadwey22		_		10	41
Wareham Rangers22		5	3	28	47

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15	2	2	51	4
13	6	5	19	4
14	2	1	57	4
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11	2	9	22	3
10	2	9	7	3
9	3	10	-4	3
8	2	10	-15	2
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Wareham Rang Res23	3	7	4	12	-23	25
Wyke Regis SC20)	5	4	11	-40	19
Crossways20)	4	0	16	-38	12
Sturm Newton Res18	3	3	1	14	-44	10
Lytchett RT23	3	3	1	19	-74	10
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DIVISION FOUR P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
landley Sports17	11	4	2	44	34
stalbridge17	10	2	5	6	32
Owermoigne17	7	6	4	-2	27
Veymouth Spart18	8	2	8	-3	26
ittlemoor18	6	6	6	-6	24
oundbury Rovers17	6	4	7	-7	22
Galaxy FC Res16					
Puddletown18	6	1	11	-9	19
Bishops Caundle16	6	0	10	-11	18
wanage Town & H16	3	4	9	-11	12*

DIVISION FIVE I	1	W	υ	L	Gυ	Pts	
Mere Town Res18	3	16	1	1	67	49	
Broadstone19	9	14	1	4	47	43	
AFC Blandford18	3	14	1	3	47	43	
Oonhead Utd Res19	9	12	4	3	36	40	
imperne Sports17	7	8	3	6	28	27	
Marnhull18	3	6	3	9	-14	21	
Oorchester CC17	7	6	0	11	-16	18	
Handley Sports17	7	4	3	10	-41	15	
Maiden Newtn & C18	3	4	1	13	-41	13	
Milborne Sports Res17	7	2	3	12	-25	9	
oundbury A18	3	1	2	15	-88	5	
(* Points adjusted)							

MAGPIES & TERRAS ROUND-UP: Rolls Royce display from Ford

Wevmouth 3 Cirencester Town 1 **EVOSTIK PREMIER - ATT: 451**

MARK Ford produced sparkling display for Weymouth last Tuesday in their 3-1 defeat of Cirencester Town at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

The 21-year-old got the Terras back on winning ways after the shock defeat by Hemel Hempstead by landing a hat-trick in his first start for the town.

After a lack-lustre start Ford had the home fans drooling with a super goal after just 16 minutes.

Byron Napper who had agreed to a second loan spell just the day before, made his mark by sliding the ball through to Ford who despite the attention of two defenders managed to get his shot away on the turn to fire past Mike Hedges.

Cirencester however were not taking it lying down and Tom Manley was forced into a fine save to prevent Ollie Pitt equal-Then, after Ben Gerring had

headed Stephen Reed's corner against the bar, Manley foiled Jody Bevan. Holding a precarious lead at

the interval, the Terras needed a second goal, and it came three minutes after the break when Ford latched onto Napper's ball that was missed in midfield.

Racing towards goal he had to switch direction when two defenders converged on him by which time Hedges had raced from his goal to block his first effort. When the ball popped up into the air, Ford rolled it in the net.

Although Cirencester threatened to get back into the game Manley once again was equal to their efforts, and the game was drifting to its inevitable conclusion when with six minutes left Ford completed his hat-trick.

Craig Duff played a one-two on the halfway line before racing down the right and crossing low into the six-yard box where Ford got in front of his marker to flick the ball with the outside of his left boot beyond Hedaes.

Jamie Reid scored a late consolation for the visitors just before the final whistle following a some good build-up play.

Cards hold all the aces Woking 4 Dorchester Town 1 BLUE SQUARE SOUTH - ATT 1,268

DORCHESTER Town's unbeaten away run under new manager Alan Knight was dramatically brought to an end by league leaders Woking last Tuesday

Unbeaten in their eight league matches since the departure of Ashley Vickers, including one away match under caretaker's Phil Simkin and Mark Jermyn, the Magpies were finally beaten after they conceded two penalties early in the second-half which left them no way back.

Up until then they had put in a battling performance that had seen them go in at the interval just one goal down.

Knight was looking for his side to weather the forst 20 minutes in order to give themselves a chance in the game, and they did just that.

Former Bristol City midfielder Kevin Betsy came closet for the Cards with a header that Alan Walker-Harris had no problems holding, whilst Kyle Critchell was unlucky when his free-kick was deflected for a corner. Woking took the lead through

with a fine 20 yard shot just after the half-hour, and the Glovers would have felt they were still in with a chance as they went in for a half-time cuppa. However six minutes after the break Murtagh set up Betsy

former Yeovil Town reject Keiran Murtagh who scored

who was too quick for Walker-Harris who brought him down. Former Magpie Giuseppe Sole sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot.

Betsy, who caused the Magpies defence trouble all night, then was brought down inside the box again as he headed for goal and Sole once again made no mistake from the spot.

Dorchester looked to retaliate but Sam Malson's shot from Critchell's cross following a great run by Tom Nichols, was just too high.

Woking then added a fourth when Joe McNerney headed home Derek Duncan's corner with 15 minutes left. Nichols did pull a goal back

three minutes later to continue his record of scoring in every game since he arrived on loan, when he headed home, but it was just a consolation.

Martinstown CC gearing up for new season

MARTINSTOWN Cricket Club is gearing up for the new season beginning in May

Promoted to Dorset League Division Two having finished runners-up to Shillingstone last season. they begin their season with a home match against local rivals Dorchester 2nd's on May 5th under a new captain, all-rounder Danny Dancer.

In the meantime they are preparing for the season with a 'Get Ground Ready Day' this Saturday (March 24th) between 9am and 1pm in time for their first adult outdoor net session at Long Ash-

The first Under 15 practice is on Friday April 13th (5.00-6.30pm) with the first U9 (softball), U11 and U13's practice on Wednesday, April 18th (6.00-

There is kit provided for all ages and they have a team of Level 1 and 2 qualified coaches. New players of all ages and abilities are always wel-

Friendlies against Bere Regis and Weymouth have been arranged in April ready for the opening day when the 2nd XI will visit Gillingham in Division 6 North and West.

May also sees the first Evening League game.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

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Weymouth set to secure league title

ITROTTED off to Dorchester on Saturday to watch to only league game taking place in West Dorset.

DORCHESTER 27 WIMBORNE 11

CONDITIONS were certainly conducive to open rugby for this Southern Counties League (South) catch up encounter, and it was the visitors who started the brighter.

Dorchester were penalised early on for hands in the ruck and fell three points behind to the Wimborne place kicker after a minute.

They were back on terms within a couple of minutes however when, having kicked a penalty for position, they won the ensuing lineout and caused Wimborne to infringe. James Baker's place kick was accurate and tied the scores after some five minutes.

Penalty awards came thick and fast against both sides throughout the first quarter but, apart from that I felt that Wimborne looked the likelier outfit for much of the time, benefiting as they did from some good tactical kicking.

It was from one such kick that Wimbone scored. They had followed well and hurried the home defence into error and then won the ensuing lineout close in.

They followed it with a succession of pick and drives and eventually one of their eight got over some 10 yards in from touch. The try remained unconverted and the visitors led 8-3

I felt that both sides were below their best, for the contest was laced with error but, after some 15 minutes Dorchester drew level.

A strong run by one of their eight set up the position. He was tackled but made the ball available. It was then spread left, and winger

Baker got outside his marker and touched down in the corner.

The try remained unconverted and Dorchester then began to impose an edge that they never really lost. The next ten minutes were spent in the visitors' twenty two and they eventually won a five metre scrum. They then sent the ball to a generous narrow side where full back Read made a telling incursion into the line and scored by the posts.

Baker goaled the try to give his side a 15-8 lead around the half hour mark. Although laced with stoppages, the game had certainly not been a dirty one and it came as a surprise when Waddington, the home centre, saw red for an illegal tip tackle just before the break

Wimborne used the resultant penalty to get into home territory where their out half kicked an excellent drop goal, really from nowhere, to take the score line to 15-11.

Dorchester were now reduced to playing the remainder of the game with 14 men but made light of the fact by winning a five metre scrum just before the break and, after a snipe by scrum-half Gower, Newsam, his open side sneaked over close to the posts. James baker again added the extras to give his side a 22-11 lead at the halfway stage.

I felt at this juncture that, although eleven points to the good, Dorchester's seven man pack would struggle to compete in the second half, but I was wrong as they spent the first few minutes in Wimborne's territory.

The game continued to be error strewn and although the entire third quarter remained scoreless Wimborne could not impose themselves, with the home side being quicker in both thought and deed for the most part.

oth thought and deed for the most part. Then, with 10 minutes remaining, one of the visitors saw yellow for foul play and, in his absence, a strong run by one of the Dorchester substitutes took play into the Wimborne half. The offload came and James Baker, now playing at stand off, was well up to take the scoring pass.

The try remained unconverted and the final whistle sounded soon after, leaving Dorchester fairly easy winners.

This was a rather strange contest in many respects. Although by no means a dirty game, it saw both a red card and a yellow issued for foul play.

It was not particularly abrasive, but injury

It was not particularly abrasive, but injury stoppages abounded and, although the conditions were benign, errors came in profu-

Dorchester won it primarily because of the edge they had forward, after the first few minutes; and which they maintained when reduced to seven forwards after Waddington's departure.

They will be happy with the result but probably less so with the way it was achieved

PREVIEW

THE local leagues resume on Saturday next, and are entering the season's final phase, with both promotion and relegation issues near to being solved.

It is certainly judgement day as far as the WEYMOUTH first side is concerned. It travels to FROME 2nd and, if it returns with a win of any sort, it will return as champions elect of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South), with promotion to the Southern Counties Division assured.

I think that this will happen, for the home side has not had the best of seasons and cur-

and is a relegation candidate.

Weymouth did win the earlier fixture by a distance (55-3) and, if they fail to clinch promotion on Saturday then they should take a good look at themselves, both collectively and individually. I know that Frome have a useful pack and a number eight who carries well

I feel however that Weymouth will be stronger in most departments and will have the win sewn up well before the interval. Complacency should be their main, if not their only, concern.

BRIDPORT face a more difficult task altogether with the visit of BOURNEMOUTH 3rd, a side who lie just below them in the division. I seem to remember watching the visitors play Weymouth earlier in the season and on that occasion felt that they were a young side who, while they ran about a lot, really lacked penetration.

I see that Bridport lost the earlier game by a couple of scores, and came back feeling that they had contributed to their own downfall rather. This will be a close one, but I do take Bridport to win if they can keep their discipline.

DORCHESTER make the journey to Bath to take on WALCOT who are a couple of places below them in the table at the moment.

Dorchester won the earlier game at home pretty comfortably and I think that they will win this one also. It will be closer however.

In division two PUDDLETOWN entertain a NORTH DORSET 3rd side whom they bested pretty comfortably earlier in the season, their opponents have not had a bad season however but I do take the home side to do the double on their way to securing third place

in the division.

As to the second sides, Weymouth seconds have a bit of a battle on their hands with the visit of Fordingbridge 2nd to whom they lost narrowly earlier.

While the home side will probably end the season satisfied with their performance in division two overall, their club has a long injury list at present, and this will most certainly impact on them. I do not think they will win this one.

Bridport seconds travel to Swanage & Wareham 3rd and will, I think, struggle. I am aware that they won comfortably earlier on in the season but their opponents have had a much more consistent season, while Bridport do not travel all that well.

Dorchester 2nd, top of the third division heap as they are, will certainly be looking to win at Salisbury thirds.

The home side has put a couple of wins together recently however and there will almost certainly no repeat of the earlier 55-3 scoreline in Dorchester's favour.

As to the third team game between Dorchester and Weymouth, I'll bet that will be a real ding dong struggle, with no quarter ask for or given.

Fixtures 24th March

Bridport v Bournemouth 3rd; Bridport 2nd v Swanage & Wareham 3rd (away); Chard v Keynsham; Dorchester v Walcot Old Boys (away); Dorchester 2nd v Salisbury 3rd (away); Dorchester 3rd v Weymouth 3rd; Honiton v Plymouth Barbarians; Puddletown v North Dorset 3rd; Sidmouth v Oldfield Old Boys (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Wessex; Sidmouth; Weymouth 2nd v Frome 2nd (away); Weymouth 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd .

Dorchester & District Snooker

Top two finish for powerful West Dorset Club teams

RESULTS: West Dorset Club A 2 West Dorset Club C 5, Colliton Nomads 2 Colliton Club B 4, Trinity M 4 Colliton Hopefuls 2, Colliton XQ 2011 4 WDC Whipping Boys 2, Trinity Express 3 Purbeck Potters 4, Colliton Cons 2 Trinity Gooduns 6.

30+ breaks: E.Wellman 39. **Top Break of the Season:** Clive Haskell (<u>Trinity</u>

Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pt7
West Dorset Club A22	15		4		105
West Dorset Club C22	13	2			95
Trinity Gooduns22	13	2			92
Trinity M22	10	2	10		86
Colliton Nomads21	13	2			79
Purbeck Potters22			11		79
Colliton Cons21	-11	2	8		78
Colliton XQ201122		4			75
Trinity Express21			13		74
Colliton Hopefuls21	8	2	11		71
Colliton Club B22		2	14		68
WDC Whipping Boys22	6		15	0	60

◆ Team handicap knock-out final re-arrangement: West Dorset Club A v Colliton Cons (Thursday, 22nd March).

Perfect Parker powers home

FOLLOWING the Rallye Sunseeker the second National Championship motorsport event in two weekends came to Dorset in the form of the Motor Sports Association British Car Trials Championship at Hog Cliff Farm near Maiden Newton

Organised by the Woolbridge Motor Club the event comprised of two categories; the National event which catered for those contesting the British series and the Clubmans division which was populated by drivers not registered for the national championships, and this included mostly local competitors.

Although in different categories the drivers all competed on the same sections so their scores were directly comparable.

Reigning, and seven times, national champion, Barrie Parker, was determined to repeat his success of last year in his Toyota MR2 sports car. Competing in Class One for two wheel drive production

Competing in Class One for two wheel drive production cars without any ballast (ballast helps to gain grip in slippery conditions) Parker made a positive start in wet conditions.

Prior to the eighth and final test of the first round the multiple champion had amassed 41 penalty points to lead Citroen Saxo pilot Nick Pollitt by four points. However a maximum score of 12 points on the eighth test reduced his advantage to a single point.

During the second round conditions deteriorated fur-

During the second round conditions deteriorated further but Parker excelled on the muddy tests only dropping 41 points for the round and building a lead of seven points.

Pollitt remained his nearest challenger and thus the situation remained during the afternoon's dryer tests with the Japanese machine finally finishing ahead of the French by 15 points.

Class Two of the National event featured front wheel

drive production cars (with ballast) and here Colin Read soon got his eye in' with his effective Volkswagen Golf GTI quickly leaving the Honda Civic driven by Paul Manning and Robert Williams in his wake.

The Clubmans category comprised of two classes. One well supported for front wheel drive machines and the second for sports cars.

The former boasted an entry of 15 drivers. During the slippery first round Weymouth driver Graham Blake displayed his experience at the wheel of a Nissan Micra with total penalties of 53 points a mere brace of points ahead of Volkswagen Golf exponent Paul Johnston who in turn headed James Forsyth by a single point.

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The second round of eight tests saw the competition



become more intense with Blake and Forsyth equal on 113 penalty points but with Johnston in the lead on 104. Improved weather conditions brought about a change in the fortunes of some of the competitors in this class.

With amendments to the tests and a drying of the ground Mini Clubman 1275 GT driver Bob Bennetts from Stoke sub Hamdon made his move. With a score of 129 at lunch the Mini exponent had 25 points to make up.

By the end of the third round he was tying with Johnston for the class lead on 166 penalties.

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At the end of the trial he had only dropped a further 32 points to take first overall in the two clubman's classes with a seven point advantage over Johnston, the winner of the front wheel drive class.

The second class in the clubman's event saw the Austin Nippy of Alistair Stevenson involved in an epic battle with the John York's MG Midget. The Weymouth drivers enjoyed a day-long encounter with equal scores after the first round; 73 penalty points each.

By the half way stage the MG man had opened up a lead of four but by the conclusion of the third round in drying conditions Stevenson had pulled one back.

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Would the eight tests of the final round be enough to steal the advantage?

The answer was yes with the Nippy driver snatching the win by a single point having gained a clean (nil penalties) on the fourth section from the finish.

Local rugby clubs pick up prestigious national awards

THE HARD work of Dorchester and Weymouth Rugby Club's have been recognised when they were named as winners of the RFU President's XV Awards last week.

Dorchester Rugby Club won the 'High Quality Coaching' award, whilst Weymouth won the 'Comms and Technology' award. They were also listed as a runner-up in the 'More Volunteers' category.

Launched in October last year by RFU President Willie Wildash, 2003 Rugby World Cup winner Joe Worsley and England Womens star Maggie Alphonsi, the awards supported by QBE, the official insurance partner of England Rugby, were chosen by a panel of judges who sought to identify and reward initiatives that promote the development of rugby at a grassroots level.

Each winning club in the 15 categories receives £500, and the two runner-up's £100 each.

Willie Wildash, who was a former player and now Honorary Life Member of Weymouth RFC said: "It's been a phenomenal year for entries and as ever the competition was fierce. The quality of entries was very high this year and this made life difficult for the panel of judges

"All the winners and runners-up, as well as all of the others who submitted entries, are clubs doing a great job at the grassroots end of our game, across many important development areas.

"These clubs are the heart and soul of rugby and it's wonderful to be able to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work put in by all the volunteers involved."

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INSIDE: Good win for Dorchester RFC 1st XV

Magpies hit rock bottom as Fleet keep afloat

Thurrock 2 Dorchester Town 0 BLUE SQUARE SOUTH - ATT 176 THURROCK kept their slim hopes

of avoiding relegation from the Blue Square South by condemning Dorchester Town to consecutive away defeat in five days when they won 2-0 at Ship Lane on Saturday.

After a battling performance at table-toppers Woking on Tuesday where two early second-half penalties put paid to their chances. Dorchester would have expected to win this battle against a side who had gone 16 games without a win, and of which this was only their fourth all season.

The Magpies welcomed back Nick Crittenden after three weeks out with an ankle injury and Jamie Gleeson was on the bench, but even their experience could not help the Magpies slipping to an unexpected defeat.

Dorchester made a bright start

but failed to create anything of real purpose and went behind after 15 minutes when Teddy Nesbitt was given room to shoot past Alan Walker-Harris.

Although the Magpies got themselves back in the game it was obvious they were not firing on all cylinders, and manager Alan Knight withdrew loanee Max Worsfold at the break.

Harrison Bell, who had been dropped to the subs bench in favour of Crittenden came on with Kyle Critchell switching back to midfield where he had been successfully deputising in recent

However the plan appeared not to work as the Fleet increased their lead on the hour when Mark Jermyn conceded the Magpies fourth penalty in their last three

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matches, and Lee Boylan scored

from the spot -ick.

There continued to be little response from the Magpies so Knight introduced Gleeson and Neil Martin, but it changed noth-

ing.
"The defeat ended Tom Nichols record of having scored in every game since his arrival from Exeter City on loan.

Knight was understandably very disappointed with the result that sees his side slip two places to 11th

Reflecting on the two games he said: "I thought the lads gave 110 per cent against Woking and apart from the five minutes of madness that killed us, we did

very well. They are a big, power-

"However conceding four penalties in the last three games . also tells its own story.

"I can't disagree with the decisions themselves, but I thought Al (Walker-Harris) was fouled for the fourth Woking goal, but I suppose that's the keeper in me."

"Going to Thurrock, bottom of the league and fighting for their lives, we told the lads that if we weren't up for it we would get our just desserts, and we did; we just weren't at the races.

"It was end of season stuff, and I have told them that it is not acceptable.

. 'We've still got big games to play and can make a big impact on what happens in this league, and there are places to play for. I don't want the season to turn into a non-event; I want us to take our good form into next sea-

"We all let ourselves down a bit, including me. I have to take my share of the blame, we are a team, and I have to take a look at myself; did I get the preparation right, did I get the team tactics right, and motivationally did I do enough? So I have to look at myself and have asked them to do the same.

"We've got a chance to put things right with two hard games against Chelmsford (last Tuesday) and Dartford on Saturday, and I have to say in the 15 games I have been in charge they have been fantastic.

"Games against the bottom sides are often the hardest, and so I am willing to give them some latitude in that one, but I am obviously looking for a big reaction



■ BACK IN ACTION: Nick Crittenden made a welcome return after three weeks out with in-

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